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KEIICHI IWAMURA	)	
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Application No.: 09/867,432	)	
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Filed: May 31, 2001	)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING	)	
APPARATUS, IMAGE	:	
PROCESSING METHOD, AND	)	
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each listed document is also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. application:

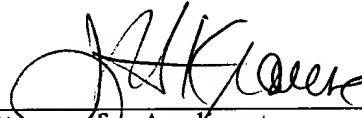
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A copy of the cited application, as originally filed, is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. K. Lawrence", is written over a horizontal line.

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